defendant admits the claim in Court. And it is also prayed that the refund may be ordered to be made in cases in which the parties compromise out of Court.

(*b*) Civil Courts refund half the Court-fee paid in cases amicably settled. It is prayed that the same concession may be shown in cases of *ex-parte* and also in cases decreed on the admission of the defendant.

Reply of Government.—(*Vide* Subject No. 11.)

SUBJECT No. 46.

The use of "water mark" three-pie paper.

(*a*) Messrs. K. Venkatasubbaiya, Municipal Member, Nanjangud Municipality; S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B. Advocate, Shimoga Municipality; C. Subba Rao B.A., B.L., Advocate, Nagar Sabha.

(*b*) Messrs. Venkatappa, Chikkarayana Reddi and Venkataramappa of Bagepalli Taluk; M. S. Ramachariar and C. B. Gopala Rao of Kolar Municipality; Huchirappa, Anekal.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The Chief Court has ruled that the "water mark" three-pie paper should be used for drawing up memorandum, etc., in connection with the issue of processes. People are sustaining loss by this. It is therefore requested that it may be ordered that the three-pie paper should be used only for those records which are not destroyed, but filed in the "A Farist" and that it is unnecessary for the "B Farist" papers which are destroyed.

(*b*) The quarter-anna paper prescribed for use in Government transactions is rough and brittle and unfit for the preservation of records. A better and more fibrous paper may be supplied in its stead.

Reply of Government—The Chief Court wish to avoid the use of fragile and bad paper, and they consider the three-pie paper to be cheap and suitable. The Government cannot interfere in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 47.

Process-fees.

(*a*) Messrs. Chandrasekharaiya, Nanjangud Taluk; Danti Naranappa of Sidlaghatta; Hutcheeregowda, Gubbi Taluk.

(*b*) Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A. LL.B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality; and Mr. C. Subba Rao, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Nagar Sabha.

Mr. M. C. Ranga Iyengar, City Municipality, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) It has been recently ordered that in execution cases, eight annas should be given for the issue of a notice to each defendant though there are many defendants in the same village, and that Rs. 1-8-0 worth of stamps should be produced for the issue of a sale-warrant of movable and immovable property. As the value of stamp now increases court costs to the disadvantage of parties, the procedure which was formerly in force may be ordered to be enforced.

(*b*) The process-fee payable in case of sale-warrants has been lately ruled to be Rs. 1-8-0. Thus the cost of bringing movables of any value for sale is as follows :—

Warrant of attachment	Rs.	1	0	0
Claim notice		0	8	0
Sale proclamation		0	8	0
Sale warrant		1	8	0
Total		3	8	0

In the case of immovables a sum of another eight annas is charged. When the value of property attached is very small, say, Rs. 10, the cost is quite out of proportion. It

is therefore requested that sale-warrants of at least Small Cause suits may be exempted from process-fees.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be enquired into and the Chief Court asked to kindly send up a report.

SUBJECT No. 48.

Reduction of the pecuniary jurisdiction of Sub-Courts from Rs. 300 to Rs. 100.

Messrs. S. R. Ba'akrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality; B. Sitaramaiya of Chikmagalur Taluk; Anantakesavachar, Belur Taluk; Chikramanna and Suryanarayanappa, Kolar Taluk; Balavanta Rao, Arsikere Taluk; Varada Iyengar, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The pecuniary (small cause) jurisdiction of the Sub-Courts may be reduced from rupees 300 to rupees 100. In the mofussil the transactions that give rise to litigation are between sowcars and poor raiyats and the parties are not equally intelligent. An erroneous decision on facts altogether deprives the parties of any remedy.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subjects Nos. 391 and 431.

SUBJECT No. 49.

Sureties for attached movables.

Mr S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Law (Civil Procedure Code) may be so amended as to enable the attaching creditor to proceed against the surety for attached movables on the miscellaneous side. Such provision obtains in the case of attachment before judgment. (Section 253, Civil Procedure Code.)

Reply of Government.—A Draft Regulation for amending Section 253 of the Civil Procedure Code, so as to make its provisions applicable to the enforcement of security given for the restitution of property or fulfilment of conditions, is now ready, and will be taken up for consideration early.

SUBJECT No. 50.

Power to Division Officers to hear Criminal Appeals.

Mr. B. Mailaraiya, Municipality of Seringapatam.

Summary of discussion.—The investing of division officers with power to hear Criminal and Registration Appeals is prayed for.

Reply of Government.—Appellate powers in criminal cases are now conferred on qualified officers. The investing of all divisional officers with such powers will be considered. The statistics necessary to arrive at a conclusion will be obtained, especially for two years in the Mysore District.

As regards Registration cases, appeals can lie under the law, only to the District Registrars who are the Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

SUBJECT No. 51.

Original Criminal Courts to be directed not to pass sentences on such days as are followed by two or more holidays.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa, District Board, Tumkur.

Summary of discussion.—When public holidays for two or more days such as the Dasara and Christmas follow within a couple of days of a conviction and sentence passed in Criminal Courts, the convicted persons have to await the re-opening of appeal Courts to present an appeal. This is a great hardship. The appellate judges might be absent from head-quarters. This prevents parties from having timely justice on appeal. It is requested therefore that a rule may be made to prohibit Magistrates from passing final orders on such days as are followed by at